

ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND COMMERCIAL APPLICATION ACT; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 610, Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act of 2005.

Prior to this action, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REQUEST—IMPACT UPON SMALL BUSINESS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request impact upon small business. Testimony was heard from Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress.

MEDICARE PAYMENTS TO PHYSICIANS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Payments to Physicians. Testimony was heard from Bruce Steinwald, Director, Health Care Economic and Payment Issues, GAO; Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

WELFARE REFORM REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSALS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Welfare Reform Reauthorization proposals. Testimony was heard from Representative Woolsey; Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Kevin M. McGuire, Executive Director, Family Investment Administration, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland; David Hansell, Chief

of Staff, Human Resources Administration, Department of Social Services, New York City; and public witnesses.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight met for organizational purposes.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Security Clearance Process. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 14 through February 19, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 12 noon, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, for up to six hours of debate.

On *Tuesday*, at 4 p.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to the nomination of Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: February 15, to hold hearings to examine priorities and plans for the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and to review the President's budget request for fiscal year 2006 for atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

February 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Buddie J. Penn, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and the following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Adm. William J. Fallon, to be Admiral, 4 p.m., SR-222.

February 17, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for

Fiscal Year 2006 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 16, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget: February 16, to hold hearings to examine transparency of budget measures, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 15, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration and related programs, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 15, Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine the future of liquefied natural gas, focusing on the prospects for liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the United States and to discuss the safety and security issues related to LNG developments, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

February 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

February 17, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine National Park Service's implementation of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: February 16, to hold hearings to examine the President's budget proposals for fiscal year 2006, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel R. Levinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, and Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 15, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert B. Zoellick, to be Deputy Secretary of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

February 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine CIA document disclosure under the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

February 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 for foreign affairs, 10 a.m., SD-419.

February 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine democracy in retreat in Russia, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 16, to hold hearings to examine the realities of safety and security regarding drug importation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 15, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to examine the United Nations management and oversight of the Oil-for-Food Program (OFF Program), focusing on the operations of the independent inspection agents retained by the United Nations and their role within the OFF Program, including the administration of the OFF Program by the U.N. Office of the

Iraq Program and the findings of the U.N. Office of Internal Oversight Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

February 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine transforming government for the 21st Century, 10 a.m., SD-342.

February 17, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine an overview of the Government Accountability Office high-risk list, focusing on ensuring Congressional oversight by bringing attention to government-wide management challenges and high-risk program areas, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 16, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2006 budget request for Indian programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 16, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine obscenity prosecution of the First Amendment, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

February 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: February 17, to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 15, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2006 Department of Veterans Affairs budget, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 16, to hold hearings to examine the world threat, 10 a.m., SH-216.

February 17, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 16, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider the following: an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress; and Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, February 15, to meet for organizational purposes, 5 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Force Protection, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 16, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Secretary of State, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, on Social Security Administration, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies, on Quality of Life, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn

February 17, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Office of the Inspector General, Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., 2362—A Rayburn.

February 17, Subcommittee on Defense, on the Secretary of Defense, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 17, Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security, on Department of Homeland Security Management and Operations, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 17, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, February 16 and 17, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense budget request, 10 a.m., on February 16 and 9 a.m., on February 17, 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 16, hearing on National and Homeland Security: Meeting the Needs, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

February 17, hearing on Domestic Entitlements: Meeting the Needs, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 15, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on H.R. 366, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 29, Spy Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 15, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "The SEC's Market Structure Proposal: Will It Enhance Competition?" 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Terrorist Responses to Improved U.S. Financial Defenses," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 17, full Committee, hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, February 16, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Is There Such a Thing as Safe Drug Abuse?" 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "Improving Internal Controls—A Review of Changes to OMB Circular A-123," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 17, full Committee, to consider pending business; followed by a hearing entitled "Wounded Army Guard Reserve Forces: Increasing the Capacity to Care," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 18, hearing entitled "The Capital Region's Critical Link: Ensuring Metrorail's Future As a Safe, Reliable and Affordable Transportation Option," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 16, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "The Proposed

Fiscal Year 2006: Building the Information Analysis Capability of DHS," 2 p.m., room to be announced.

Committee on International Relations, February 16, hearing on United States Policy Toward Iran: Next Steps, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, hearing An Overview of Transatlantic Relations Prior to President Bush's Visit to Europe, 1 p.m., room to be announced.

February 16, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, joint hearing on Iran: A Quarter-Century of State-Sponsored Terror, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 17, Full Committee, hearing on the International Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 17, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 683, Trademark Dilution Revision Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, February 16, oversight hearing on the Status of the Indian Trust Fund Lawsuit, Cobell v. Norton, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, joint oversight hearing on the Impact of High Energy Costs on the Competitiveness of America's Pulp and Paper Industry, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 17, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on GAO Five Year Update on Wildland Fire and Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management Accomplishments in Implementing the Healthy Forests Restoration Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, February 16, hearing on An Overview of the Federal R&D Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, 11 a.m., 2328 Rayburn.

February 17, hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Proposal, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 17, to consider Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, and to hold a hearing entitled "Medical Liability Reform: Stopping the Skyrocketing Price of Health Care," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 16, Subcommittee on Water Resources, hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2006, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 16, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 17, Subcommittee on Trade, to meet for organizational purposes, 1:30 p.m., 1129 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 15 and 16, executive, hearings on Threats, 2:30 p.m., on February 15 and 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., on February 16, H-405 Capitol.

February 17, executive, Briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.